

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 58.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, August 15, 1861.

I.—The officers of the Regular Army now on mustering duty in the principal cities are appointed disbursing officers of the funds appropriated by act of Congress "for collecting, drilling, and organizing volunteers, under the act authorizing the President to accept the services of five hundred thousand men," &c. They will be charged with the payment of all proper claims presented to them under this act, duly authenticated and certified to, by the various volunteer recruiting officers. These disbursements will be made in the manner prescribed for the Recruiting Service of the Regular Army. The premium for accepted recruits as laid down in par. 1315 General Regulations will not, however, be allowed in the Volunteer service. The officers charged with these disbursements will immediately make requisitions on this office for the requisite funds.

II.—Camps of rendezvous and instruction for volunteers will be established at or in the vicinity of New York, Elmyra, N. Y., Harrisburgh, Pa., Cincinnati, Ohio, and other convenient places, under charge of officers of the regular service.

To facilitate the raising of Volunteer Regiments, officers recruiting therefor are authorized to muster their men into service as enrolled. As soon as mustered, these men will be sent, with descriptive lists, to the camps of rendezvous, at which places the oath of allegiance will be duly administered by a civil magistrate, or an officer of the regular army. The cost of transportation from place of muster to place of rendezvous will be paid by the Quartermaster at the latter station.

III.—When the organization of regiments accepted to be raised within a specified time, is not completed at the expiration of that period, the companies and detachments thereof, already mustered into service, will be assigned to other regiments at the pleasure of this Department.

BY ORDER :

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.